

Appl. No. 10/707,275
Amdt. dated March 30, 2006
Reply to Office action of January 20, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.Objection of claim 1:

Response:

Claim 1 has been cancelled in previous response, and therefore this
5 objection should be withdrawn.

2.Rejection of claims 12-22 under 35 U.S.C. 112:

Response:

Claim 12 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Specifically, the
10 mis-descriptive recitation "so that all of the high and low voltage
electrodes are positioned in at least a line along the first direction" has
been amended, and the recitation "or the low voltage electrode of another
U-shaped or C-shaped lamps along the first direction" has been deleted
from claim 1. Claim 19 has been cancelled. Withdrawal of this rejection is
15 requested.

3. Rejection of claims 12-17 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yajima et al. (US2001/0050735) in view of Fan et al. (US 2003/0142059):

20 Response:

Since the Examiner has acknowledged that claim 18 would be allowed
if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base
claim and any intervening claims, the limitations originally recited in
claim 18 and its intervening claim 17 are added to claim 12, and the
25 amended claim 12 should be allowed. Claims 13-16 and 20-22 are
dependent on claim 12, and should be allowed if claim 12 is found
allowable. Reconsideration of claims 12-16 and 20-22 is politely

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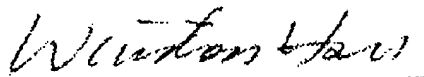
4.Allowable subject matter:

Response:

- 5 The limitations originally recited in claim 18 and its intervening claim 17 are added to claim 12, and claim 18 is cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

- 10 Sincerely yours,



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